



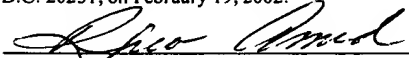
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Beth Anne ALLISON et al.

Serial No.: 09/715,478

Filing Date: November 17, 2000

For: USE OF LOW-DOSE PDT TO INHIBIT
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Examiner: S.-M. Hui

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EXAMINING GROUP 1617

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to a Final Office Action mailed December 18, 2001, time for response to which was set to expire March 18, 2001. This Reply, mailed on February 19, 2002, is thus believed to be timely and within two months of the above referenced Office Action due to a holiday falling on February, 18, 2002. Claims 1-10 are pending and were rejected. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following discussion is offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.